

Current Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A device to assist in the torquing of a suspended vehicle wheel, comprising:

a plurality of parallel upstanding margins laterally spaced apart from each other and each comprising an uppermost edge ascending generally concavely and defining a tire engaging interface, each of said uppermost edges further comprising scalloping defining a plurality of saw teeth each having an apex comprising said tire engaging interface and;

one or more ground engaging base portions that are coupled to and/or part of the upstanding margins, and wherein the saw teeth engage the wheel to prevent rotation of the wheel and the ground engaging base portion is configured to allow lateral movement of the wheel.

2. (Original) A device described in claim 1, each of said upstanding margins comprising a leading tip extending vertically from a basal edge to commencement of said ascending uppermost edge, each of said upstanding margins further comprising a trailing end extending vertically from said basal edge to conclusion of said ascending uppermost edge.

3. (Original) A device described in claim 2 herein, further comprising means for providing transverse support between said upstanding margins.

4. (Original) A device described in claim 3 herein, said transverse support means comprising at least one crosspiece structurally connecting said upstanding margins.

5. (Original) A device described in claim 3 herein, said transverse support means comprising at least a first crosspiece structurally connecting said leading tips of said

respective upstanding margins near said respective basal edges, and at least a second crosspiece structurally connecting said trailing edges of said respective upstanding margins near said respective uppermost edges.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) A device described in claim 3 herein, further comprising a concave ramp offset below said scalloping and structurally crossconnecting said upstanding margins.

9. (Original) A device described in claim 1 herein, each of said pluralities of sawteeth ascending concavely and arranged to optimize said allowing lateral movement of a suspended vehicle wheel while preventing rotation of the suspended vehicle wheel.

10. (Original) A device described in claim 8 herein, each of said sawteeth having said apex projecting in an orientation opposing the rotation direction of the tire tread surface.

11. (Previously Amended) A device described in claim 2 herein, further comprising means for providing supporting contact with substratum such that the device is adapted to move laterally.

12. (Original) A device described in claim 11 herein, said means for providing supporting contact with substratum comprising a longitudinal reinforcing region above said respective basal edge.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A device described in claim 3 herein, further comprising a portal sufficiently sized to allow insertion of the user's forefoot to facilitate placement beneath the suspended vehicle tire.

16. (Original) A device described in claim 3 herein, further comprising a portal sufficiently sized to allow insertion of the user's forefoot to anchor said device to firmly prevent rotation of the suspended vehicle tire when in use.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A device for assisting in the torquing a suspended vehicle wheel, comprising:

(a) a plurality of spaced apart parallel upstanding margins each comprising an uppermost edge ascending concavely from a leading tip to a trailing end and defining a tread engaging interface, said leading tip extending vertically from a basal edge to commencement of said ascending uppermost edge, said trailing end extending vertically from said basal edge to conclusion of said ascending uppermost edge, each of said uppermost edges further comprising scalloping defining a plurality of sawteeth each having an apex comprising said tire engaging interface, wherein when engaged, the plurality of parallel upstanding margins prevent rotation of the wheel but allow lateral movement of the wheel;

(b) each further comprising means for transversely supporting said upstanding margins, comprising a transverse support wall gusseted and extending perpendicularly to said upstanding margin and beneath said uppermost edge, said transverse wall further extending from near said uppermost edge near said trailing end vertically downward near said trailing end and terminating near said basal edge near said trailing end but having an intermediate curvature defining an appendage support notch in said trailing end;

(c) further comprising means for transversely connecting said upstanding margins, comprising at least a first crossbolt extending through said transverse support walls at said leading tips of said respective upstanding margins near said respective basal edges, at least a second crossbolt extending through said transverse support walls at said respective leading tips near said respective uppermost edges, at least a third crossbolt extending through said transverse support walls at said trailing ends near said respective basal edges, and at least a fourth crossbolt extending through said transverse support walls at said trailing ends near said respective uppermost edges; and

(d) said upstanding margins comprising a cutout portal sufficiently sized to allow insertion of the user's forefoot to facilitate placement beneath the suspended vehicle tire.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) A method of torquing lug nuts of a suspended vehicle wheel facilitating the seating of a vehicle wheel against the vehicle hub, comprising the steps of moving a device of claim 1 into engaging contact with the underside of the tire tread, and tightening lug nuts around the wheel while allowing said device freedom to allow the lateral motion of the wheel during the process of seating the wheel against the vehicle hub.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) ~~The device of claim 23 wherein~~ A device to assist in the torqueing of a suspended tire, comprising:

a tire engaging interface disposed on substantially parallel upstanding margins,
the tire engaging interface adapted to resist only rotational movement of the suspended
tire during a torquing operation;

a basal edge adapted for lateral movement on an underlying substratum, and
configured to support the upstanding margins; and

wherein the basal edge is coated with a material to enhance sliding.

26. (canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein the ground engaging base is defined by bottom edges of the plurality of parallel upstanding margins.